

Proclamation

Each year, the second week of August is dedicated to recognizing the service and contributions of Community Health Centers, which are local, non-profit, community-owned health care providers that serve low-income and medically underserved communities.

For 41 years, the national networks of health centers have provided high-quality, affordable primary care and preventive services along with on-site dental, pharmaceutical, mental health and substance abuse services.

Community Health Centers, also known as Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), are located in areas where care is needed but scarce. This improves access for care of millions of Americans regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay.

There are 13 Community Health Centers in our islands including:

- **O`ahu:**
 - Kalihi-Palama Health Center, Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services, Waikiki Heath Center, Wai`anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, Waimanalo Health Center and Ko`olauloa Community Health & Wellness Center
- **Big Island:**
 - Bay Clinic, Hamakua Health Center, and West Hawai`i Community Health Center
- **Maui:**
 - Community Clinic of Maui and Hana Community Health Center
- **Moloka`i:**
 - Moloka`i `Ohana Health Care
- **Kaua`i:**
 - Ho`ola Lahui Hawai`i Kaua`i Community Health Center

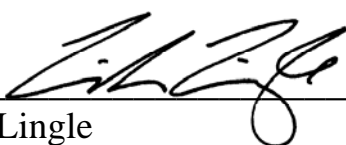
Our Community Health Centers contribute to our islands' health care system by maintaining high standards of accountability, cost effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of care. By empowering communities to address unmet health needs, these centers reduce health disparities in Hawai`i and decrease the number of preventable deaths, costly disabilities and communicable diseases.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai`i, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim **August 6 through 12, 2006**, as

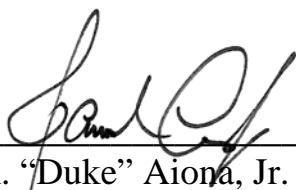
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in Hawai`i, and express our gratitude to the Board Members, staff and volunteers of our state's Community Health Centers for the health care services they provide to our residents.

Done at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai`i, this fourth day of August 2006.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai`i



James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai`i